

Remarks

Claims 20-26, 28, 29, and 33-42 are pending. Claims 1-19, 27, and 30-32 have been cancelled. Claims 20 and 28 have been amended.

Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowance of claims of 33-42 and allowability of claim 30. In response, claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 27 and 30, and to therefore put claim 20 in condition for allowance. Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 1-19, 27, and 30-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. The applicant intends to pursue these and other claims in a continuation application, and this amendment should not be considered as prejudicing such a continuation or acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments.

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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